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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY JUNE 10, 2004

This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for June 10, 2004.

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Yeni Safak / Twenty DEHAP members were detained in Elazig after the press conference they organized to call peace. It is reported that the group shouted slogans praising Abdullah Ocalan.

Tercuman, Hurriyet, Milliyet, Radikal / TRT's first-ever Kurdish (Kirmanci) language program on June 9 was welcomed by people in southeastern Turkey. TRT surprised people by including a famous Kurdish folk group's songs in the program.

Zaman / Three PKK/KONGRA-GEL members died and 11 Turkish Jandarma reportedly were wounded during a clash between PKK/KONGRA-GEL members and security forces in Adiyaman Province. In Bingol, it is reported that PKK/KONGRA-GEL members raided Yaylakoy Village Jandarma Station, damaging two nearby houses instead.

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